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- Check out NJPEP_PDonline summer courses at: http://www.nj.gov/education/njpep/pd/onlinePD/index.html.
- The National Staff Development Council Annual Conference 2. (http://www.njstaffdevelopment.org/PDF's/May%2019%20NJSDC%20flyer.pdf) will occur May 19, 2008 in Edison, NJ.
- TeachTechNJ (http://www.teachtechnj.org/) is dedicated to recruiting individuals for teaching Technology Education in New Jersey. This site includes information for high school and college students, people changing careers, and educators. There is also a jobs board link.
- The National Academies (http://www.nas.edu/podcast/) provide podcasts in all areas of science, engineering, medicine and technology.
- Free video-on-demand, courses and resources for teachers are available from Annenberg Media (http://www.learner.org/).

Professional Development

- Answer Workshops from Rutgers University are available for the 2007-2008 school year. These health professional development workshops focus on sex education (elementary through high school). For more information, visit: http://answer.rutgers.edu/course.
- The Big 5: Making Healthy Choices This nutrition and physical activity curriculum training for middle school health teachers will take place in:

Northern New Jersey

Date: April 25, 2008 Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Place: Morristown Memorial Hospital

Training Center, Morris Plains, NJ

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

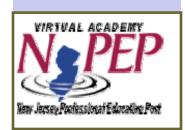
Date: May 16, 2008

Place: Robert Wood Johnson

Southern/central New Jersey

Conference Center, Mercerville, NJ

- Math Standards Clarification/Revision Conference
 - (http://www.amtnj.org/conference/index.php) will take place April 14, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jamesburg, New Jersey.
- 4. New Jersey Audubon Society (NJAS)
 - (http://www.njaudubon.org/Education/ProfDevOverview.html) offers place-based professional development for school districts using ecosystem education as the focal point for teaching science standards.
- The New Jersey Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission (http://www.njitalia.nj.gov/) will sponsor a workshop for K-12 teachers on April 17, 2008. The workshop theme is: The Universality of Italian Heritage Curriculum. To register, contact the NJ Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission at info@iahi.rutgers.edu or call Melissa Wells at (732) 932-0670 ext. 13.
- Pro/ENGINEER Workshops for grade 6-12 teachers
 - (http://www.nj.gov/education/aps/cccs/tech/ettc_engpro.pdf) For more information, contact Dawna Schultz at Stevens Institute of Technology at dawna.schultz@stevens.edu or visit www.stevens.edu/ciese/eofnj.
- Visit the Rutgers World Language Institute page (http://wli.rutgers.edu/wli.php?page=home) to find out about Summer 2008 course offerings.
- The Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey Spring Teachers' Workshop (http://www.stanj.org/eventslist.html) will take place April 11, 2008.
 - **Time:** 9:30-1:00
 - Location: Montclair State University



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New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards: http://www.nj.gov/njd ed/aps/cccs/

Contact Information for Core Curriculum Content Standards: http://www.nj.gov/njd ed/aps/contact.htm

Professional Standards:

http://www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/

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http://www.nj.gov/njd ed/profdev/contact.s html

Evaluation and Assessment: http://www.nj.gov/njd ed/assessment/

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Selected Classroom Resources

- Celebrate Arbor Day on April 25, 2008 with classroom activities and other resources provided by the Arbor Day Foundation (http://www.arborday.org/kids/).
- 2. Find information about a **free DVD** (http://stosselintheclassroom.org/) to help build **critical thinking skills** from John Stossel at the Center for Independent Thought and ABC News (with related teacher guides).
- Lee and Grant at Appomattox Court House
 (http://www.pbs.org/civilwar/classroom/lesson_appomattox.html) This PBS lesson is a part of a series of middle and high school social studies resources. It is designed to enrich classroom study of the Civil War and United States history and culture.
- April is National Poetry Month. Check out online events with published poets, classroom activities, writing opportunities, and various other poetry resources from Scholastic's Teach Now (http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k 2theme/poetry.htm).
- 5. **Journey North: Spring 2008** (http://www.learner.org/jnorth/season/) uses online media to teach science and math.
- 6. Find more than 1,200 educational resources (including lesson plans) from the **Smithsonian Education** Web site (http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/). Check out the **Educators**' page.

Parents and Students

- Build a Solar System (http://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/solar-system/) Make a scale model of the solar system and learn the real definition of "space."
- Jamestown Online Adventure (http://www.historyglobe.com/flash.html#a1) The year is 1607. You are the captain of the Jamestown Colony in Virginia in this Flash-based historical simulation. Will your colony survive and prosper or will it become another "Lost Colony"? This unique game was created by History Globe as a learning activity for elementary and middle school history/social studies students.
- Learn what makes weather wet and wild, do cool activities, and become
 hot at forecasting the weather on Web Weather for Kids (http://eo.ucar.edu/webweather/)!
- 4. Yukon Butterflies (http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/jackhulland/projects/butterflies/) Watch an online metamorphosis and learn about the life-cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly.

